



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Mount Vernon Mills Renfro Whitmire Plant
25214 South Carolina Highway 121, Whitmire, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 9, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6324-NRP, will affect approximately 24.6 acres identified by Newberry County tax map #314-1. A company known as Sea Pro Boats, LLC (Sea Pro) wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Sea Pro.

The Property is bounded generally by undeveloped, wooded land to the north, east, and west. South Carolina Highway 121 is located south of the site. The Property has been unoccupied since Renfro closed the plant in 2009. Renfro operated the plant for manufacturing socks.

Sea Pro intends to acquire the property and manufacture fiberglass recreational boats. Soil and groundwater at the property has been contaminated with chlorinated solvents. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Sea Pro to own the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the environmental pollution. Sea Pro did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Sea Pro responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Sea Pro will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Sea Pro will test soil and groundwater at the property. If significant contamination is found, Sea Pro will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until July 9, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.